

February 26, 2007

Members of the University Community

I am pleased, Dear Colleagues . . .

. . . to forward for your information a summary of actions approved by The University of Akron's Board of Trustees at its meeting on January 24, 2007.

Presentation to the Board

Kyle Bohland, president of Associated Student Government, provided a profile of the organization and described some of its goals and recent accomplishments.

Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee

1. Naming of the Office of Student Academic Success

The Office of Student Academic Success has been named to better reflect the services offered on the second floor of Carroll Hall. These services, available to all students, include the Writing Lab, the Math Lab and tutoring for general education courses. Faculty Senate approved of the name change.

2. Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree

The Board approved a measure to confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Diane C. Fisher at the August 2007 commencement. Mrs. Fisher served on the Board from September 2000 to July 2006. She and her late husband, Ron Fisher, also a former member of the University Board of Trustees, founded the Fisher Institute for Professional Selling in the University's College of Business Administration.

3. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July 2006–December 2006

For July-December 2006, funding for externally funded research and other sponsored programs was \$13,592,441 to support 239 projects. In the prior fiscal year, the year-to-date amount was \$21,975,337 to support 300 projects. During the current fiscal year, four patents have been awarded, 21 patent applications have been filed by the institution and 37 disclosures have been submitted. For the same period last year, four patents had been issued, 14 patent applications had been filed, and 32 disclosures had been submitted.

External Affairs Committee

1. Cumulative Gift and Grant Income Report – July 2006-November 2006

Between July 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006, total giving was \$12.2 million, or about 5 percent less than the \$12.8 million received for the first four months of the prior fiscal year. For July 2006 to November 2006, 7,531 gifts were accepted, compared to 7,362 received during the same period last fiscal year.

Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee

1. Real Estate Purchases

With four separate votes, the Board approved four real estate purchases: (1) 394 Kathryn Place for \$67,000; (2) 409 Kling Street for \$95,000; (3) 498 Harvey Court for \$41,000; (4) 517-519 East Exchange Street for \$200,000.

Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee

1. Purchases of More Than \$150,000

Trustees approved the following purchases: (1) The renewal of a software license and maintenance agreement with Computer Associates. The 16-month license will cost slightly more than \$1 million. The software provides functionality in programming, server security, output management, and program tracking and production control, among other areas. Computer Associates was determined to be the sole source of this product, and thus the purchase was not subject to competitive bidding. (2) The purchase of an XY Materials Deposition System from the iTi Corp. of Boulder, Colo., for the Department of Polymer Engineering at a cost of \$206,549. iTi Corp. was the only company to meet all the requirements stipulated in the department's request for proposal. (3) The purchase of a Modular Coating System with accessories from Extrusion Dies Industries, LLC (EDI) of

Chippewa Falls, Wisc., for the Department of Polymer Engineering at a cost of \$227,363. Modular Coating Systems was determined to be the sole source of this product, and thus the purchase was not subject to competitive bidding.

2. Personnel Actions (attached as amended)
3. Constant Maturity Swap

Trustees approved language that further clarifies our recent bond swap agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank. In very general terms, the swap is a refinancing strategy that takes advantage of changes in interest rates. It is estimated that the University will save \$500,000 per year on average on its existing debt payments.

New Business

1. Residency Requirement for Second Baccalaureate Degree

The Board approved a resolution to waive any outstanding residency requirements in University Rule 3359-60-036 to permit Kimberly Hickman to receive a second baccalaureate degree.

2. Northeast Ohio Study Commission Representative

Trustee Philip Kaufmann was appointed to represent the University on the Northeast Ohio Study Commission. The commission was established last year to encourage greater cooperation among the five state institutions in the region — Cleveland State University, Kent State University, The University of Akron, Youngstown State University and Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

Notes

1. President's Report

I began my report by discussing Governor Strickland's remarks at the Akron Roundtable on Jan. 18. The governor defined his priorities, with education at the top, encompassing not only the funding issues for P-12, but also higher education. Second were jobs and the economy, followed by health care. Significantly, he began to manage expectations for the state's budget by noting his administration's belief that revenues will be considerably tighter than had been anticipated.

It is heartening, of course, that this governor is taking such a strong interest in important issues, including higher education. He had met with a small group of higher education leaders in December. Then, on Jan. 22, he invited all university presidents to meet with him in Columbus for a full day, and it was encouraging to see that he spent the full five-and-a-

half hours with us. He and his staff had done considerable work to define possible goals, and he wanted our input. His three broad topics were—accessibility and student success, research and innovation, and workforce development. We had a very positive and engaging discussion that will serve the state well. Again, it is heartening and encouraging that he is addressing these issues early in his term and that he was willing to commit as much time as he did.

On a related note, I recently spoke at the kickoff of the “Dream It-Do It” campaign of the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network, which is better known as MAGNET. In my remarks, I stressed the importance of early intervention with youths to build the pipeline so that more people recognize how valuable and exciting a career in manufacturing can be.

We also are pleased that The University of Akron will be a leading partner in a new Ohio Board of Regents initiative encouraging the state’s high school students to pursue teaching careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (or STEM) and to earn college credit at no charge. The University will conduct a five-week summer STEM academy in mathematics through the Northeast Ohio Center of Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teacher Education. The center is a collaborative partnership of The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University. Through the UA summer academy, high school students will combine college residential experiences with courses and mentoring offered by University mathematics faculty members and secondary-school teachers. Students in the program will earn four credits in college algebra or pre-calculus and will qualify for advanced placement in college. Other sessions of the academy will incorporate lessons about teaching methods and pedagogy, applications and research, and proper integration of technology to help the students build confidence as teachers. Faculty from the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education will teach in the academy, as will in-service secondary teachers. I am particularly pleased that your University has taken a lead role in these matters at the state level, and I recognized the Provost and others who have supported our work there. Much of our early discussions were incorporated into Governor Taft’s Ohio Core plan.

I also noted that our collaborative program in counseling psychology is ranked No. 5 nationally in terms of productivity on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. It also is ranked No. 5 nationally in terms of graduates passing the licensure test. As you know, the Commission on the Future of Higher Education — also known as the Spellings Commission after U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings — called for outcomes and measures, and this again shows how your University has been taking the lead role in the assessment of learning. These rankings are testament to our outcomes being measurable and well above the national average.

2. Representative Appointed to Search Committee

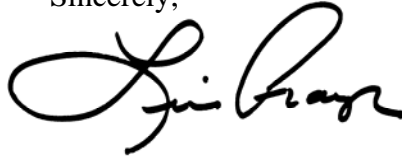
Board Chairman Dr. William F. Demas recommended, with the Board’s concurrence, that Trustee Richard W. Pogue would represent the Board on the search committee that will review applicants and recommend a candidate for the dean’s position in the School of Law.

3. Next Regular Meeting

March 21, 2007, 10 a.m., Board Room, Student Union, Third Floor

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



**Personnel Transactions Approved by the Board of Trustees
January 24, 2007**

Appointments

Sheri A. Acierto, instructor, Nursing, 1/16/07; **Vardham Bajpai**, postdoctoral research fellow, Mechanical Engineering, 10/30/06; **Danielle N. Bentley**, academic advisor II, Honors College, 11/20/06; **Jeremy S. Brueck**, computer specialist, Curricular and Instructional Studies, 12/18/06; **Tommy M. Cawood**, assistant athletics director, Athletics Media Relations, 1/16/07; **Darlana L. Holan**, computer specialist, Curricular and Instructional Studies, 12/4/06; **Haibo Li**, research scholar, Institute of Polymer Science, 12/1/06; **Sandra Jovicic**, interim director, Adult Focus, 1/8/07; **Therese M. Longo**, computer specialist, Curricular and Instructional Studies, 12/12/06; **Selena C. Myers**, assistant director, Alumni, 12/12/06; **Kevin L. O'Connor**, academic advisor II, Education Dean's Office, 12/4/06; **Matthew Panzer**, postdoctoral research fellow, Chemistry, 1/2/07; **Maria Pappas-Rogich**, assistant professor, Nursing, 1/16/07; **Sara R. Randrianasolo**, examiner associate, International Programs, 12/11/06; **Deepa Savant**, postdoctoral research fellow, Chemistry, 12/18/06; **Garth D. Schoffman**, director, instruction and program development, Biology, Wayne, basis change from part time to full time, 12/10/06; **Timothy L. Sisson**, coordinator, projects, Education Dean's Office, 1/1/07; **Denise Testa**, associate director, Student Services, Medina County University Center, 1/2/07; **Subramanyam Ummadisetty**, research scholar, Institute of Polymer Science, 11/27/06; **Brenda D. Vogley**, coordinator, continuing education, Wayne College, 12/18/06; and **David Wasik**, special assistant to the vice president of information technology and special projects manager, Vice President for Information Technology/CIO, rehire in accordance with reemployment agreement, 1/3/07.

Changes

Rose A. Beeson, assistant professor, Nursing, fellow, Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology, additional title of interim director, Center for Gerontological Health Nursing and Advocacy, 1/16/07; **Theresa Beyerle**, coordinator, community outreach, University Park Alliance, title change from coordinator, marketing and outreach, 1/1/07; **James Bochkor**,

maintenance repair worker, Student Recreation and Wellness Services, reclassification via job audit, 8/7/06; **Christina M. Brewer**, administrator, Institute for Health and Social Policy, promotion and title change from office manager, 11/27/06; **James C. Brown**, coordinator, Mailing Services, reorganization and title change from manager, 11/6/06; **Candace Campbell Jackson**, vice president and chief of staff, Office of the President, promotion and title change from chief of staff, 1/1/07; **Lindgren L. Chyi**, professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **Brian G. Crisan**, police 911 telecommunicator, University Police Department, status change from temporary part time to regular full time, 1/8/07; **Gregory S. Dieringer**, assistant dean, University College, promotion and title change from senior assistant director, Admissions, 1/2/07; **James E. Elder**, facilities maintenance worker, Physical Plant - Wayne, promotion and title change from general maintenance worker, status change from part time to full time, 11/1/06; **William C. Fisher**, computer support assistant, Audio Visual Services - Wayne, promotion and title change from media support associate, status change from part time to full time, 11/27/06; **LaVerne M. Friberg**, associate professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from associate professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **Gail Garbrandt**, manager, internships, Bliss Institute, reclassification via job audit and title change from coordinator internships, 10/1/06; **Joseph Gregor**, assistant vice president, Physical Facilities, title change from director, 6/5/06; **William Hauser**, assistant professor, Marketing, additional title of associate director, Taylor Institute for Direct Marketing, 9/1/06; **Kimberly Haverkamp**, manager, marketing and events, Bliss Institute, reclassification via job audit and title change from coordinator, programs, 10/1/06; **Amy Liikala Conwi**, associate director, Accessibility, reclassification via job audit and title change from disability specialist and services coordinator, 10/1/06; **Kevin Luggelle**, manager, Mailing Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from assistant manager, 11/13/06; **David A. McConnell**, professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **Theresa Mountel**, student financial aid counselor, Wayne College Dean's Office, promotion and title change from accounting clerk II, 10/30/06; **George Newkome**, vice president, Research and dean of Graduate School, professor, Chemistry, professor, Polymer Science, Intellectual Property Center fellow, James and Vanita Oelschlager Professor, Science and Technology, additional title of interim dean, Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, 1/02/07; **Timothy S. Norfolk**, professor, Mathematics, relinquish title of associate department chair, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, 12/04/06; **Lisa E. Park Bousch**, associate professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from associate professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **John A. Peck**, associate professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from associate professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **Matthew B. Petras**, application services technical lead, Database Administration, Application Systems Services, promotion and title change from senior systems analyst programmer, 12/01/06; **William T. Rodgers**, building maintenance superintendent, HVAC, Physical Facilities, promotion and title change from maintenance repair worker, 12/04/06; **Linda Marie Saliga**, associate professor, Mathematics, additional title of associate department chair, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, 1/16/07; **Ira Sasowsky**, associate professor, Geology and Environmental Science, director, Environmental Studies, title change from associate professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **Kenneth Stapleton**, senior economic development advisor, Office of the President, executive director, University Park Alliance, title change from project manager, 01/01/07; **David N. Steer**, associate professor, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from associate professor, Geology, 8/28/06; **John P. Szabo**, professor and department chair, Geology and Environmental Science, title change from professor and department chair, Geology,

8/28/06; **Brenda Westbrook**, director, special projects, Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, status change from temporary to regular, 01/01/07; and **Lloyd Williams**, maintenance repair worker, Student Recreation and Wellness Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from assistant maintenance repair worker, 10/23/06.

Separations

Deborah S. Gwin, director, Adult Focus, 1/31/07; **Halle Jones Capers**, director, Women in Engineering Programs, 12/31/06; **Marion K. Matthews**, senior executive administrative assistant, Information Technology Services, 12/1/06; **Joyce E. Mirman**, professor, Computer Information Systems, Business Technology, 12/31/06; **Sonya Reisch**, compensation analyst, Human Resources, 11/30/06; **Deepa Savant**, postdoctoral research associate, Chemistry, 9/1/06; **Sharon L. Sirpilla**, director, Development, 12/31/06; **David G. Wasik**, special assistant to the vice president for business and finance, Applications Systems Services, 12/31/06; **Peggy Wasik**, application services technical lead, Applications Systems Services, 12/31/06; and **Ernie L. Weaver**, master painter, Physical Facilities, 11/30/06.

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